

REMARKS

The Office Action requires election of a species from the following: Species A, drawn to a die apparatus, including claim 23; Species B, drawn to a filter apparatus, including claim 24; and Species C, drawn to a die casting apparatus, including claim 25. Applicants hereby interpret the term "die apparatus" as directed to an extruder having a die as an outlet section and Applicants hereby interpret "filter apparatus" as directed to an extruder having a melt filter as an outlet section.

The Office Action indicates that claims 1-22 and 27-30 are generic and Applicant agrees with this characterization of claims 1-22 and 27-30.

Applicant elects Species A, drawn to a die apparatus, including claim 23.

Claims 1-23 and 27-30 are readable on the elected species.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. Claims 23, 24, and 25 depend from claim 1 and therefore unity of invention is present. There is no requirement for claims to have all the same limitations for unity of invention to be present.

In view of the above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement are respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully requests a one month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. The fee of **\$120.00** for the extension is

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In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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